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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS VETTING FOR CAMBODIAN NOMINEE FOR A "SPECIAL INVESTIGATION GROUP WORKSHOP ON PANGOLINS AND BIG CATS" TRAINING IN BANGKOK NOVEMBER 26-28, 2008.

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11. This is an action cable. Please see Paragraph Six.

12. Reftel is guidance for screening nominees for U.S.-sponsored training programs.

13. Post requests a Leahy vetting response from the Department by November 21, 2008, in order to reserve A training course space by a November 24 deadline. The individual listed below will attend a Special Investigations Group (SIG) Workshop on Pangolin and Big Cats Training scheduled for November 26-28, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. To comply with the Leahy amendment relative to U.S.-sponsored security assistance training, the U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh conducted local human rights vetting for the individual selected to attend the SIG Workshop:

NAME: Kouch, Haksrorn (Male)  
DOB: 8/24/1956  
POB: Phnom Penh, Kandal Province  
POSITION: Deputy of Technical and Material Office;  
Chief of Gendarmerie for Wildlife Rescue Team  
DEPT/UNIT: Royal Gendarmerie of Cambodia

14. U.S. Embassy Phnom Penh has reviewed its files and finds that, as of this date, it possesses no credible information of gross violations of human rights by the above-mentioned individuals.

15. The individual listed above will attend a Special Investigation Group Workshop on Pangolin and Big Cats Training Scheduled for November 26-28, 2008 in Bangkok, Thailand. The objective of this workshop is to gain knowledge and exchange information on each country's pangolin and big cat illegal trade and criminal networks.

16. Please verify whether the Department possesses any credible information that the individual named above has been implicated in gross violations of human rights. Post requests a Leahy vetting response from the Department by November 21, 2008 in order to reserve a training course space by the SIG deadline of November 24, 12008.

17. Point of contact for Amembassy Phnom Penh is Janet Deutsch at deutschje@state.gov or tel: 855-23-728-118, or Lidia Anderson at andersonLL1@state.gov or tel: 855-023-728-687.

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